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1. EMBASSY ADMINISTERED COMPLETE ALIGU STANDARD ENGLISH EXAMINATION APRIL 5 AND 23 TO SEVEN ROMANIAN NOMINEES LISTED IN REFTEL UNDER ARTICLE I-1 OF EXCHANGE PROGRAM. OF THE 21 FULBRIGHT AND RENSSALAER CANDIDATES REQUIRED TO TAKE THE EXAMINATION TEN APPEARED AT THE LIBRARY. ONE OF THESE HAD TAKEN THE ALIGU LAST YEAR AND PASSED WITH HIGH SCORES SO WAS NOT RETESTED. THE SCORES FOR THE CANDIDATES TESTED FOLLOW.

2. ACCORDING TO THE INTERPRETIVE MANUAL FOR THE ALIGU, A CANDIDATE FOR THE ALIGU MUST SCORE 80 ON THE ENGLISH USAGE SECTION, 75 ON THE ORAL INTERVIEW, 75 ON THE LISTENING SECTION, AND 65 ON THE VOCABULARY-READING SECTION IN ORDER TO GO DIRECTLY INTO ACADEMIC PROGRAM IN THE US FOR A CANDIDATE TO PARTICIPATE IN AN INTENSIVE ENGLISH COURSE IN THE U S BEFORE GOING INTO ACADEMIC PROGRAM, ALIGU SAYS THEY MUST HAVE MINIMUM SCORES OF 65 ON THE ENGLISH USAGE, 65 ON THE ORAL INTERVIEW, 60 ON THE LISTENING SECTION, AND 55 IN THE VOCABULARY-READING SECTION. ACCORDING TO THE SCORES LISTED BELOW, NONE OF THE SIX CANDIDATES TESTED ARE ELIGIBLE FOR EVEN U S INTENSIVE TRAINING.

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3. SCORES ON THE TEST WERE:

RESEARCHERS:

IOAN ANDONE: EU:1 ORAL: 60 L:35 VR:38

IOAN GINSCA: EU:35.5 ORAL:38 L:25 VR:35

IOANA OANCEA: EU:-2 ORAL:14 L:30 VR:10

GRADUATE STUDENTS/YOUNG INSTRUCTORS:

IONEL HOPIRTEAN: EU:29.5 ORAL:58 L:31 VR:37

CORNELIU MANU: EU:55 ORAL: 40 L:35 VR:45

NICOLAE RADESCU: EU:-11 ORAL:14 L:12 VR:17

MARIAN GHEORGHE: EU:33 ORAL:42 L:32 VR:22

RENSSALAER

FLORIN-DUMITRU POPESCU: EU:50 ORAL:62 L:40 VR:37

CONSTANTIN TUDOR: EU:39 ORAL:56 L:40 VR:18

GRADUATE STUDENT TESTED IN JUNE 1975

CORNELIU BRATIANU EU:90 ORAL:72 L:82 VR:73

4. MINED OFFICIAL MIHUT WAS PRESENT AT BEGINNING OF APRIL 5 TEST AND EXPRESSED GREAT SURPRISE THAT THE CANDIDATES WERE BEING TESTED DESPITE CAO LETTER OF MARCH 26, 1976 TO MINED WHICH CLEARLY STATED THAT THE CANDIDATES WOULD HAVE A PRELIMINARY ENGLISH TEST ON THAT DATE. NONE OF THE CANDIDATES ON THAT DATE HAD BEEN INFORMED THAT THEY WOULD HAVE ANY TEST AT ALL; THEY EXPECTED ONLY TO FILL OUT APPLICATION FORMS (WHICH THEY HAD ALREADY FILLED OUT BEFORE ARRIVAL AT LIBRARY). MOST OF THE CANDIDATES WERE FROM PROVINCIAL CITIES, AND HAD TRAVELLED ALL NIGHT ON TRAIN. EMBASSY FEELS, HOWEVER, THAT DESPITE NONFELICITOUS CIRCUMSTANCES NONE OF THE CANDIDATES TESTED COULD HAVE SCORED

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SIGNIFICANTLY BETTER THAN THEY DID. SEVERAL COULD NOT RESPOND TO CAREFULLY ENUNCIATED "HOW ARE YOU?"

5. EMBASSY HAS SUGGESTED TO MINED THAT IF IT SERIOUSLY WANTS THESE CANDIDATES TO STUDY IN US ASIDE FROM BRATIANU, WHO IS ALREADY QUALIFIED THEY MUST MAKE TIME AND FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO THEM TO STUDY ENGLISH INTENSIVELY HERE BEFORE FINAL TEST IN JUNE.

6. GRADUATE STUDENT CANDIDATES VASILE GABURICI DID NOT ATTEND EITHER TEST SESSION; MINED REPORTS THAT THEY DO NOT UNDERSTAND HIS ABSENCE, AND WOULD INFORM EMBASSY WHEN THEY HAD INFORMATION.

7. FYI: FLOROIU-DUMITRU EBINCA, GRADUATE STUDENT CANDIDATE, HAS WITHDRAWN FROM THE PROGRAM DUE TO FAMILY PROBLEMS.

8. EMBASSY GAVE APPLICATION FORMS FOR MAY 17 TOEFL TEST FOR BRATIANU, MANU, ANDONE AND HOPIRTEAN, WHO ARE THE ONLY CANDIDATES ABLE TO SEND APPLICATION FORMS IN TIME FOR ETS CLOSING DATE, AND WILL FOLLOW PRIOR YEAR'S PRACTICE IN GIVING REMAINING RESEARCHERS AND STUDENTS ALIGU IN JUNE.

9. WE HAVE SOME DOUBTS RE POSSIBILITY OF SIX OF THE ABOVE CANDIDATES' QUALIFYING BY JUNE, EVEN WITH INTENSIVE COURSE IN ENGLISH FOR NEXT TWO MONTHS. TO EMBASSY KNOWLEDGE, ONLY MANU HAS ENTERED AN INTENSIVE ENGLISH COURSE SINCE TESTING.
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